

# Seventh Annual Report of the Current Camp Committee.

Montreal, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 00.

To the Chairman Permanent Camp Committee.

Dear Sir: -

We, the members of the Current Camp Committee, take very great pleasure in presenting this report in that we think we have come through the banner year in the Camp's history.

Altogether our Committee has handled three parties during the season; the 24<sup>th</sup> of May party, the regular Summer party and a special fall party towards the end of September. The 24<sup>th</sup> party ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> composed of some of the most prominent members of the Association & the number of twenty four, including the President, Treasurer and four Directors, was, we think, a most enjoyable affair, lasting four days. The Camp should profit very materially as a result of this outing as the impression formed by the "Fathers of the Association" was a very favorable one.

The summer season was a record one in

2. many ways. The attendance of -- members shows an increase <sup>of</sup> over last season. Among those visiting camp were many new ones who were without exception, as far as it is in our power to ascertain, well pleased with their stay, and hope to go out again.

Evening concerts were very frequent during the season, the campers falling into the spirit of things quite enthusiastically; fishing and exploring parties were without number, and the Annual Regatta was a feature which will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present.

Those who were at Camp at the time of the Ste Agathe Regatta attended that affair in a body, arranging for their own transportation and taking the chef along with them. In all, our Campers captured eleven prizes and did much towards advertising the camp at that place. Doubtless had the Campers had skiffs at their disposal and so been able to compete in the rowing events the number of prizes <sup>taken into camp</sup> would have been much larger.

The fall party numbering twelve left town on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and returned Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> being unanimous in declaring they had had an a 1 good time.



A review of the letter taken on this rating  
of some of the members in discussion will  
make an interesting illustration for next  
year's prospectus. The chief was a different  
type from the man who was put with the other  
two parties; and according to our informant  
is an artist in his trade and will work  
considerably for future seasons.

Belleg & have you herewith a copy  
of the prospectus as revised by this  
Committee for the last season.  
On Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> the Committee sent a  
letter to every member of the Association

who had been to camp during 1902, calling  
for criticisms favorable or otherwise and  
also suggestions. The replies received were  
almost without exception favorable and many  
are exceedingly complimentary. Some are  
mistakenly thought to have been sent towards  
the close of the summer complained about the  
manner in which the books were copied and  
accounted up. But in every case stated that  
it was not a fault of this Committee, as  
the first supplied was of the best, the  
trouble emanating entirely from the shop.  
This Committee feel that there is a serious  
matter and ask that a more proficient shop  
be secured in future.

It will be well to give some of the suggestions from the letter received in answer to our circular letter of Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. Many of those suggestions are repeated and mentioned in the letter, and where such is the case, will be found underlined.

Get a new chimney cap, present one is a too small and fits the house with smoke (one friend says "breaking the rule of no smoking allowed in Camp")

The same man should be in charge of  
Camp all summer

Camp should be in order before leaving  
for the season.

Permanent staff, and a good one. There  
is the one advertised in the accompanying  
prospectus.

Camp should supply some indoor games  
for evenings and wet days

Change location of tents.

Prepare floor ground for tent similar to  
High Bluff moving blocks in ground for  
tees to rest on or that they can't sink & thereby  
put the tent out of shape.



5/  
Provide flies for the tents as they are all leaking more or less.

Remove Ice-House, up nearer to Kitchen, it now spoils view from gallery, & there, would be more handy, causing less waste.

Get an older Cook, a man who has passed thirty-five ~~and~~ one who knows his place. One man claims that when he remonstrated with this season's chef about the dishes coming to the table unwashed, it almost came to blows.

Spring water should be brought by pump to the house

Put up shelves in the Ice-house.

Ice-house is not built properly, should have a saw-dust lining at least six inches deep all around. Ice raised from floor a foot; this would make a genuine refrigerator.

It should be forbidden to deposit fish entrails & other refuse in the lake at the kitchen wharf.

We are informed that Bergin the carter sells liquor.

6/ Ground around house should be traversed  
Camp should provide a couple of canoes  
and also a full sized row canoe  
Boats should be in perfect repair before  
camp starts. They located all the trout country  
Firewood should be neatly piled near kitchen  
There should be a dark room at camp.

Clear up Island

Make an athletic field in Carbell Island

By all means the camp island & also the  
and opposite. That is not called "Carbell Island"?

Write nicest should be provided for table.

Camp should buy descent during breaks in  
town and bring them out.

Arrange to have milk delivered on time in  
the morning, and not have breakfast waiting  
until half past nine! Bergeon fault.

There should be covered storage for canoes  
for transportation of canoes & baggage.  
Several men have been caught at different times  
in rowing.



7 Camp should supply more blankets, two to each man.

There should be a large hole dug at a short distance from the house for to deposit the refuse in; they should not be dumped at the kitchen door.

It should be forbidden to dig for worms so close to the house as has been the custom.

It would be better to have smaller tables for dining, then all could be served better & a table reserved for late arrivals who have been off fishing.

The camp should have a shelter or lean-to of some kind down on Rock Island to "rough it" in while fishing.

Purchase Lumbermen's Shanty at the Rapids.

Purchase all the Islands in Lac St Joseph.

Shelves are needed in the worst way in the kitchen.

There should be a proper pantry & ice-house built near kitchen.

Camp Should purchase Rock Island

8. Cutlery at camp is abominable. Silver what there ever was of it is all worn off & "brass spoons" is now more applicable to them. Camp should provide Aluminum spoons and forks, all sizes are needed & can easily be got & cheaply.

Soup plates are not the only kind of enamelled plates made. Why not have dinner plates at camp?

Diving Rock is an ideal swimming place and should be equipped with a spring board.

This committee trusts that these suggestions will have the careful consideration of your committee. They also hope and pray that the camp may be continue to grow as it has <sup>done</sup> ~~been~~ in the past, and wish to thank you and your fellow committee men for the trust & honour conferred on us in placing its guidance in our hands for the past season.

The whole of which is respectfully  
Submitted  
signed on behalf of the committee  
Frank B. Benedict Chairman  
C. Dawson Secy.